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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) PTO Form 1449 and 7 references;
- (4) European Search Report date April 12, 2002.

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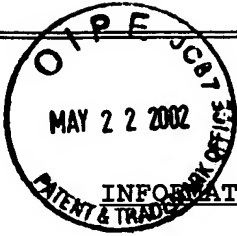
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